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FYI – thanks, Don! J

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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CRA Opposes Committee Action to Pass Amended Validation Act Bills

Today, the Assembly Local Government Committee passed the Validating Acts for 2011. SB 191, SB 192, and SB 193 were amended May 2 to exclude redevelopment-related actions from the bills' protections, leading CRA to take an Oppose position on them.

Annually, one of the local government committees introduces the Validating Acts for the year. These are traditionally non-controversial and non-political. They serve to "fix" public officials' inadvertent procedural errors or omissions, thus "validating" the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and local governmental entities. It is also routine for CRA and others to take a support position on the legislation. When this year's bills were amended to exempt redevelopment agencies from their protections, CRA was forced to take a position of Oppose unless Amended.

This unprecedented singling out of one type of local government entity for exclusion from the Validating Acts appears to be retaliation for the actions taken by local government over the past few months to protect their redevelopment assets from the threatened elimination of agencies.

AB 1338 Puts a Redevelopment Best Practice into Legislation

The Assembly Local Government Committee also passed AB 1338 (Hernandez R). This bill was amended on May 2 to require an independent third-party appraisal of property acquired by local redevelopment agencies to determine fair market value.

Because obtaining an independent third-party appraisal is already done by most local redevelopment agencies and is a best practice, CRA took a Support position. Putting this practice into statute ensures that both the interests of the property owner and the taxpayer - via the redevelopment agency - are served in a real estate transaction.

Contacting State Legislators and Committees

Votes on this and other legislation can be obtained at the [State Legislature's website](#), under Bill Information. [Click here](#) to obtain more information about communicating with legislators and committee staff at our website using the CAPWIZ tool under Legislation.

What's Next at the State Capitol?

These bills go to the Assembly Floor where they can be voted on at any time. However, the Legislature is more likely to vote on legislation after they return from the Memorial Day holiday when committee deadlines for bills introduced in their houses have passed and committee meetings are suspended until June 6. The State Legislature's rules provide that only floor sessions can be held May 31 through June 3.

The Governor will present his May Revise of the proposed FY 2011-12 State Budget next Monday, May 16. The State Constitution requires that the Legislature send to the Governor a budget by June 15 and that the Governor sign it by July 1. It's been a while since these deadlines were met.

CRA continues to find interest in the alternative voluntary contributions to schools proposal and the redevelopment reforms contained in SB 286 (Wright). However, until a number of issues are resolved and the Legislature sends the Governor a budget package, redevelopment is at risk.

LMIHF Reform Measure Continues to Move Forward

CRA's Housing Committee Task Force continues to work with the proponents of SB 450 (Lowenthal), to resolve differences over the bill's provisions. The Senate Transportation and Housing Committee passed the bill, 9-0, and it is currently pending on the suspense file in Senate Appropriations Committee. A committee hearing for the Suspense File has not been scheduled yet, but it must occur prior to May 27.

For more information about this bill and other legislation, go to [CRA's website](#) under LEGISLATION or contact Lillian Henegar at lhenegar@calredevelop.org.

Training Opportunity on “Understanding

California's New Green Building Code"

California's new green building code became effective on January 1, 2011. In collaboration with the California Building Standards Commission and the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Green Technology is offering regional half-day seminars developed to provide an introduction and overview of the new green building code requirements, both mandatory and voluntary. You will find more information and be able to register on their website, <http://www.green-technology.org/calgreen/>.

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